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Dr. K. B. MENON : May I know how many the Government expect to turn out each year from these classes?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have said there will be 20 students admitted for each of these courses every year.

Ayurvedic institutions

11-30 a.m. * 150 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government or the Planning Commission have informed the State Government about their willingness to meet the entire cost of starting research institutions in Ayurveda; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to start any such institution in Malabar in the current year?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) The Government of India have made provision for a sum of Rs. 100 lakhs in their Second Five-Year plan for development and researches in the indigenous systems of medicine. They have tentatively decided to give assistance to States on the usual pattern, viz., 75 per cent of the non-recurring expenditure and 50 per cent of the recurring expenditure;

(*b*) No, Sir.

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : In view of the fact that Malabar is rich in herbs suited for preparation of Ayurvedic medicines and there are a large number of well-versed Ayurvedic physicians, will the Government consider the question of starting an Ayurvedic Research institution in Malabar incurring the necessary expenditure?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The Director of Medical Services has sent up proposals to the Government for carrying out researches at the College of Integrated Medicine in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. There are no such facilities in Malabar.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that certain Ayurvedic Institutions in Malabar have requested the Government of Madras to start a research institution there, in Olavakode in Palghat where medicinal roots are availiable in plenty, and in view of the fact that opening of such a research institution would be very helpful in the promotion of indigenous medicine, may I know what steps the Government have taken to help starting of a research institution there?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The availability of herbs is not enough. We must have a team of scientists such as botanists, chemists, pharmacologists, and clinicians for this purpose. Both modern medicine men as well as those versed in indigenous system will have to collaborate in the work. There are no such facilities in Palghat, Sir.

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Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : It is for want of such technically qualified men that these institutions were not able to start research institutions there. Such men are available in other countries. Only if the Government move in the matter they will become available. Therefore it is necessary that the Government should take interest in the work and see that such technically qualified men are made available for those institutions. May I know from the Government whether any measures were taken by them to see that such men from other countries were made available to them?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : I am sorry the hon. Member does not realize what the essential requirements are for proper research work to be done. Probably such research work may be taken up in the Ayurvedic teaching institution at Trivandrum but not at Palghat, Sir.

Sri M. PALANIYANDI : May I know whether this Government have taken any interest in the collection of manuscripts from the "Olaichuvadi", that is writings on palm leaves from the village parts where we have very good literature on the subject?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : Sir, palm leaves may be collected. But I do not think palm leaf literature may be collected from the villages. (Laughter.)

* 151 *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation on 25th February 1956 from the managing Committee of the Madhava Ayurvedic College, Cannanore to enhance the Government grant to the College; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Appeals on commercial tax cases

* 152 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed Commercial Tax Officers in the State to pronounce orders on appeals at least within six months of hearing arguments; and

(*b*) how many appeals have been disposed of by the Commercial Tax Officers in Malabar later than six months after the arguments?